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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A DETECTION RANGE ON AN OPERATING TOOL by:

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Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

- English Title page, German language specification, claims and abstract.
- Six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7).
- Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No. 100 00 287.0-53 filed January 7, 2000, the certified copy of which will follow.



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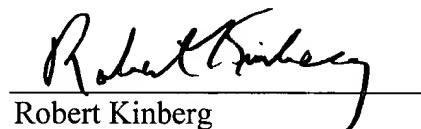
**Under revised U.S. Rules of Practice, small entity status is claimed for this application.**

An English translation, Declaration executed by the inventors and the required filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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